

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claim 1 has been amended. Claim 14 has been newly added. Claims 9-13 which were added after the filing of the Reissue application have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1-8 and 14 are pending. Support for the instant amendments is provided throughout the as-filed specification. Thus, no new matter has been added. In view of the foregoing amendments and following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

The Office alleged that this Reissue application does not contain drawing sheets and the specification, including the claims of the patent for which reissue is requested. In response, Applicant herewith submits, in the attached sheets, the drawing sheets and specification.

Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Office alleged that the recitation in claim 1 of "said internal core components comprising, except for a display and power supply, internal non-volatile mass storage, I/O controller, video controller, and audio controller" is indefinite.

In response, claim 1 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. In particular, claim 1 now recites the features of, *inter alia*, "core computer unit comprising in combination a completely enclosed housing, internal core components in said housing, and an external core connector, said internal core components comprising all of the components of a conventional computer, including internal non-volatile mass storage except for a display." The recitation of the features of "I/O controller, video controller, and audio controller" that was added in the Amendment dated September 8, 2005 have been removed.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph be withdrawn.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as allegedly being improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter surrendered in the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

As an initial matter and as indicated above, claims 9-13 have been cancelled rendering the rejection of these claims moot.

Claim 1 has been amended to substantially recite the original patented claim. The only amendments made to this claim were to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as discussed above. Also, claim 1 was amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the feature of "core computer unit."

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. §251 should be withdrawn.

As indicated above, claim 14 has been newly added. Claim 14 recites a computer system comprising a first component including a sealed enclosure including a processor, volatile and non-volatile storage, main board, I/O controller, video controller, audio controller and an interface connector on the enclosure and without a display or peripheral ports included in the first component; and a second component including a reciprocal interface connector that is configured to mate with the interface connector on the enclosure and provide power to the first component, wherein if the first component is in communication with the second component, the first and the second components are arranged to provide functionality to a user, and wherein the first component is not originally an integral or replacement part of the second component or another structure and computer components sealed in the enclosure are not removable.

Support for this claim can be found throughout the Reissue application as originally filed. For example, support for the features of "a first component including a sealed enclosure including a processor, volatile and non-volatile storage, main board, I/O controller, video controller, audio controller and an interface connector on the enclosure and without a display or peripheral ports included in the first component" and "wherein if the first component is in communication with the second component, the first and the second components are arranged to provide functionality to a user, and wherein the first component is not originally an integral or replacement part of the second component or another structure and computer components sealed in the enclosure are not removable" can be found in at least Figure 3 and page 8, line 13-16 of page 8; line 16 of page 13 – line 5 of page 14; line 22 of page 15 – line 23 of page 16; and line 12 of page 19 – line 12 of page 20 of the originally filed application.

Moreover, support for the features of “a second component including a reciprocal interface connector that is configured to mate with the interface connector on the enclosure and provide power to the first component” can be found in at least Figures 1-3; lines 16-18 of page 8; lines 31-35 of page 10; lines 1-2 of page 12; line 24 of page 12 – line 6 of page 13; lines 19-21 of page 13; and lines 15-19 of page 14 of the originally filed application.

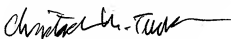
Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the features of claim 14 have support and do not recapture aspects surrendered during prosecution in the originally filed application.

All rejections and objections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Attachment 1: Two (2) Sheets of Drawings as originally filed in
U.S. Application 09/009,206 (U.S. Patent No. 5,999,952)

Attachment 2: U.S. Patent No. 5,999,952